



MY LOCAL ICON

Newly Discovered Pinniger Cairnin the Lowlands !

Pinniger Cairns are synonymous with our Tablelands region following their installation on the district's high points as geodetic survey markers by Thomas Pinniger in the mid 1800s

There is speculation about just how many Pinniger Cairns were originally built, with at least 17 having been identified.

The Highlands Ramblers and the Ruffy Weekend Walkers have made several excursions to the more accessible of these intriguing man-made features and the walkers have always been rewarded with inspiring views of the district.

The most recently discovered Cairn is in excellent condition, but Pinniger's reasoning for locating it in the lowlands at Whiteheads Creek remains a mystery.



The newly discovered Whiteheads Creek Pinniger Cairn

By Don Cook



NOTES FROM HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student of the Week Stohm



For a fabulous start to the 2014 school year. Well done!

Welcome back: It is lovely to see everyone back at school, refreshed after the long break.

Special welcome to our new preps- Ada, Max & Freyja. They have had a lovely first week and are enjoying school life.

It is terrific to have Jonathan with us at HPS. I know the seniors particularly are enjoying working with him. Everyone is very settled and the vibe around the place is great.



Donation: A huge thank you to the HiArts committee for their generous donation of \$1500 to Highlands Primary School. The committee have expressed the wish that the money be spent on art education. We are so grateful for this donation and the interest that the local community takes in our school.

Fire Safety: Students are encouraged to bring a clearly labelled bag of fire clothes to keep at school during the hotter months. Clothes need to be long, covering most skin and of natural fibres. Thank you to students who have already brought along their fire clothes. Pete and Alistair will run some Fire Safety sessions with students in the next few weeks.

Meagan Callander-Principal, HPS



Hughes Creek Catchment Collaborative

WELCOME to ISSUE 03 2014
Contact editor@tgn.org.au 5790 4007

The Granite News has always been an open but moderated community forum. We encourage our readers to contribute articles and we also encourage you to air your views on things that interest or concern you within our community. We certainly encourage feedback from you, positive or otherwise on anything that is published in The Granite News

LANDCARE NOTICE BOARD

HCCC Landcare Meeting

Friday 21st February
at The Ruffy Store
All Welcome

Contact Janet 5790 4268

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Highlands— Scott McKay 5796 9259
Ruffy— Don Cook 5790 4007

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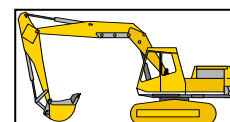
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LOCAL GOINGS ON

RUFFARTZ ready to RUN AGAIN

The Ruffartz "Season of Saturdays" is one of regional Victoria's most enduring annual performing arts programmes, delivered right in our midst at the Ruffy Community Hall.

It has stood the test of time and is widely regarded as a cultural highlight in the Tablelands calendar.

An ever changing mix of entertainment from a wide range of ethnic and musical genres continues to deliver exceptional performances for the enjoyment of local and sometimes not so local audiences.

Ruffartz's driving force is long time Ruffy resident Sharron Batt who leads a team of equally dedicated supporters to ensure the longevity of this important local programme.

With the departure of Glen George from the district, Verena Weinmann has assumed the role of Ticket Secretary and she is keen to continue the tradition of "sold out" performances. Verena's advice is to book early.



Cafe Culture Series 2014

Program:

- Sat 1 Mar Sairse
- Sat 17 May Dandyman and Love & Baggage
- Sat 13 Sep Ultrafox
- Sat 6 Dec The Wild Women Show

Tickets are now available for another

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February 28th from 6.30pm
at 'Rocky Passes'

Paul Macgregor, is best known
locally for organising the Black Market
food swap market in the Seymour
district. Paul is also an historian, and
was curator of the Chinese Museum in
Melbourne from 1990-2005. He still
works as a freelance historian and has
spent the last 10 years uncovering the
story of **Lowe Kong Meng**,
one of the great untold celebrities
of our colonial history.

At our February Tapas Night, you
have an opportunity to learn about
Lowe Kong Meng, a Chinese
gold-rush merchant based in
colonial Melbourne.

He was one of the earliest
"tree-changers" in our district.
In the 1880s he bought a property
near Longwood which he named
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There are no entry requirements for this
course.

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TABLELANDS CRICKET CALENDAR 2014

Saturday 15th Feb 2014 11am

Highlands v Ruffy

At Village Green & Pavilion

Strath Creek

Lunch at 1.30pm

Saturday 8th March

Highlands/Ruffy Combine

vs Maygar's Hill Winery

At Ruffy Cricket Ground

Then Dinner at Ruffy Store

Saturday 22nd Mar 2014 11am

Wilderness (Us)

v Riverine (Them)

At Beechworth

Lunch 1.30pm

Dinner at Brewery 7pm

Everyone is Welcome to Play

Call Scott McKay for further info
5796 9259 or 0427 969259

COMMUNITY “WHAT’S ON” CALENDAR JAN/FEB/MAR 2014



**CFA ROSTERS
W/C Feb 2nd**

- Whiteheads Creek/Tarcombe..... Driver: Ashley Waite Assistant: Robyn Spicer
- Ruffy 3rd Lieutenant Ryan Furlanetto’s Team
- Terip Terip..... Captain Geoff Penny’s Team

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| TERIP TERIP MOWING ROSTER | <p>W/C 17th Feb Alec & Marion Rowan-Brad Kellett & Katie Wright—Around Clubhouse & all four courts</p> <hr/> <p>W/C 10th Mar Sue Martin—Andrew Holloway & Tim Andrews—Car Park & all four courts</p> |
| Saturday 8th February 9am-2pm | <p>YEA COUNTRY MARKET Yea Railway Park, Station Street, Yea Showcasing local producers, growers and makers offering an array of stalls, the best in fresh local produce, arts and crafts, children’s activities, play ground and skate park. Gold coin donation entry</p> |
| Sunday 9th February 11:15am | <p>ST.DAVID’S UNITING CHURCH TERIP-RUFFY Ruffy Road, Terip Terip This service with Holy Communion will be conducted by our minister, Reverend Glenys Gill. All welcome. For further information Contact Jennifer Penny 5790 4233</p> |
| Friday 14th February 6:30pm | <p>‘DRINKS ON THE DECK’ at Highlands Community Hall Bring food to share for a meal together and catch up with friends old and new. All welcome - especially new faces. Gold coin donation to cover power. Contact Judy Cameron 5796 9247</p> |
| Saturday 15th February 9am-1pm | <p>EUROA VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET Rotary Park, Kirkland Ave., Euroa “Meet, Greet, Eat & Shop” A wonderful range of farm fresh produce from “local” producers. Contact Leah Jones 5795 1886 or hunaleah@mcmedia.com.au</p> |
| Saturday 15th February 11am  | <p>HIGHLAND vs RUFFY CRICKET MATCH at Village Green & Pavilion (ex Hume & Hovell) Strath Creek This is the annual grudge match between Highlands and Ruffy, played on turf by cricketers wearing creams. Australia’s Test opening batsman Chris Rogers’ father John has purchased the ‘Hume & Hovell’ cricket ground and he’s sure to be telling some stories about his son’s excellent performances against England in the recent Ashes series. All Welcome For further information Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259</p> |
| Saturday 15th 8:00pm & Sunday 16th Feb 4:00pm | <p>EUROA CINEMA “Philomena” We will also have some fabulous Strathbogie Ranges wines available for tasting and sales both days! Thanks to everyone for your support and patience – Contact Judi Hanlon 5795 0020</p> |
| Friday 21st February 7:30pm | <p>HCCC LANDCARE MEETING Ruffy Produce Store, Nolans Rd., Ruffy Monthly committee meeting to consider local environmental initiatives. All welcome to come along & contribute. Contact Janet Hagen 5790 4268</p> |
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| Friday 28th February 6:30pm  | <p>ROCKY PASSES TAPAS NIGHT Rocky Passes Winery 1590 Highlands Rd., Whiteheads Creek The popular Tapas Nights provide a relaxing way to end the week by enjoying great food & wine with friends. This month we also have a special presentation by historian Paul McGregor on one of our colourful local early settlers—Lowe Kong Meng. Contact 5796 9366 or Email contact@rockypasses.com.au</p> |
| Saturday 8th March Time TBA  | <p>HIGHLANDS/RUFFY vs MAYGAR’S HILL WINERY—FAMILY CRICKET MATCH at the RCG The Lowlanders from Maygar’s have challenged the Highlander/Ruffians for cricket bragging rights. It’ll be a terrific family day at the delightful Ruffy Cricket Ground, followed by Dinner at The Ruffy Produce Store. Everyone is welcome to play—especially the kids. Contact Scott McKay 5796 9259</p> |
| Monday 10th March 9am-2pm  | <p>SEYMOUR LABOUR DAY BUSH MARKET Goulburn Park, Seymour Brought to you by Seymour Apex Club—Eastern Hill Cricket Club—Seymour Goulburn Lions Club A host of stalls, food, entertainment and activities capped off by the Great Duck Race. Gate Entry \$2 Under 16s Free Contact Betty 5796 9295</p> |
| Saturday 29th March 2014 | <p>HIGHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLSHED DANCE at Habbies Howe, Dropmore Road Highlands  SAVE THE DATE more information coming soon</p> |